

In The Specification

Replace the paragraph on page 14, lines 14-20, with the following paragraph:

A² The assembly of the gastroscope 14 and accessory tube 12 when in the gastrointestinal or gastroesophageal tract of a patient provides the feature of enabling instruments, such as the suturing instrument, and the later to be described suture securing instrument, to be insertable and retractable about the distal end of the gastroscope, without requiring removal of the gastroscope. Further, normal functionality of the gastroscope in viewing is provided without any partial obstruction or loss of use of the working channel 28d. An illustration of the system 10 in a patient's body is shown in FIGS. 29A-29F. As shown in FIG. 1B, tubing 18 may be of a larger diameter than working channel 28d.